

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a heated medical device, comprising:
providing a kit that includes said the medical device, a bag for housing liquid and a removal member,

wherein the medical device includes at least first and second surfaces;

wherein a first portion of the removal member is in contact with at least a portion of the first surface of the medical device and is further in contact with at least the second surface of the medical device, wherein the medical device and the removal member are located within the bag, and

wherein at least a second portion of the removal member is positioned outwardly of the bag;

heating said the medical device while the liquid, the medical device and at least a portion of the removal member are in said the bag and while a first end of the bag is open;
and

removing said the medical device from said the bag using said the removal member.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said providing the kit includes preparing said the kit for heating including placing said the liquid in said the bag.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said providing the kit includes positioning said the medical device within said the removal member.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 3, wherein said the kit includes a wrap member and said providing the kit includes positioning said the medical device within said the wrap member and disposing said the removal member outwardly of said the wrap member and said the medical device.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said providing the kit

includes positioning at least portions of said the removal member outwardly of said the bag.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said the heating includes using a heating unit and having at least portions of said the removal member extending outwardly of said the heating unit.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 6, wherein said the heating unit includes at least one of a heating plate and a heating element and in which said the bag contacts said the at least one of said the heating plate and said the heating element during said the heating.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said the heating includes maintaining a desired temperature using electrical power until said the removing.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said the kit includes a wrap member and said the medical device includes a nose splint having adhesive and said providing the kit includes wrapping said the wrap member about said the nose splint, including said the adhesive thereof, wherein said the attached adhesive is attached to said the wrap member and said the removal member is disposed about said the wrap member and not in contact with said the adhesive.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 9, wherein said the providing includes forming said the nose splint with a number of holes using a laser to cut holes in the splint material and said the forming includes providing a substantially smooth outer surface of said the nose splint using said the laser.

11. (Currently Amended) A medical kit, comprising:
a medical device;
a removal member ~~for positioning~~ positioned about said the medical device, wherein the medical device is held by the removal member;

a bag for housing liquid, the medical device, and at least a first portion of the removal member; and

a heating unit for heating said the medical device while the medical device is within the bag, while said the removal member is positioned about said the medical device, while at least the first portion of the removal member is located within the bag, and while and at least portions a second portion of said the removal member are is located outwardly of said the bag.

12. (Currently Amended) The kit of Claim 11, wherein said the medical device includes a nose splint having a number of holes and adhesive on at least one side of said the nose splint.

13. (Currently Amended) The kit of Claim 11, further including a wrap member located about at least portions of said the medical device and with said the removal member located outwardly of said the wrap member.

14. (Currently Amended) The kit of Claim 13, wherein the medical device includes an adhesive on at least one side of the medical device, wherein said the adhesive is disposed between at least portions of the medical device and the wrap member, remains-
~~detached from said adhesive and said wherein the~~ removal member is not in contact with said the adhesive.

15. (Currently Amended) The kit of Claim 11, wherein said the removal member is substantially rigid and at least portions thereof extend outwardly of said the heating unit and said the bag when said the bag, containing said the medical device and said the removal member, is heated using said the heating unit.

16. (Currently Amended) The kit of Claim 11, wherein said the heating unit includes an opening that is substantially longer than it is wider in which said the bag containing said the medical device and said the removal member is inserted.

17. (Currently Amended) The kit of Claim 11, wherein ~~said~~ the heating unit includes at least one of a heating plate and a heating element and in which at least portions of ~~said~~ the bag are in contact with at least ~~said~~ the one of ~~said~~ the heating plate and ~~said~~ the heating element.

18. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the removal member comprises a folded sheet.

19. (New) The method of Claim 18, wherein the folded sheet has a width that is less than a width of the bag and a length that is greater than a height of the bag.

20. (New) The kit of Claim 11, wherein the removal member comprises a folded sheet.